

The Cougar Chronicle



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Important April Dates:

Open House 29

Elementary field trip to the Dallas Zoo 30

NTCA Open House, Mother/Son Night events coming up

NTCA's Open House will be held April 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This will be a time to visit classrooms and see what the students have accomplished this year. All parents, families, and friends are invited. We will send more information home with students closer to the date.

The school is also planning a special Mother/Son Game Night on May 1 at 5 p.m. In addition to playing games together, moms and their sons will enjoy a hamburger/hot dog dinner with nachos and snacks throughout the evening. The cost will be \$10 per person and includes a T-shirt. Look for more information coming soon.

Our Flat People



Mrs. Diane Cristina's second grade class shows off their latest project. To read about their "Flat Stanley" project, see Classroom News on page 3.

Camp Cougar Pride opens this summer

NTCA is now offering a summer camp with nine sessions and one overnight campout.

Day camps will be held at NTCA from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Camp Cougar Pride is available to campers ages 3 through 10, with preschool campers being completely toilet trained.

Camp fees are \$125 per week/per child, with a 20 percent discount if registering for three or more sessions per child. A one-time registration

fee of \$25 per child will include a camp T-shirt.

The overnight campout on August 13 will be \$25 per child and include an evening and morning meal.

A daily drop-in rate of \$25 per child/per day during camp hours only will apply and a one-time registration fee is required. Before- and after-camp care (7:30-9 a.m. and 2-6 p.m.) is available at \$40 per week for registered

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Cougar Camp Dates and Themes

June 1-4: Music Week*
June 21-25: Art Camp
June 28-July 2: Sports Camp
July 6-9: Water Week*
July 12-16: Science and Tech Week
July 19-23: Drama Week
July 26-30: Cooking Week
August 2-6: Arts & Crafts Week
August 9-13: Camping Week
August 13: Overnight Campout (extra charge)

*For the four-day June 1-4 and July 6-9 camps, there is a reduced fee of \$100.

Students receive results from TCSA Academic Meet

The results are back from the Texas Christian School Association Academic Meet, which sent NTCA's fourth, fifth and sixth grade students to Austin in February for the competition.

The students, who had been working for months studying their competition events, received Superior,

Excellent, Good, or Participant awards.

Results for competing Cougars were:

Superior—Aubry Krizek, Picture Memory I; and Victoria Vilches, Vocabulary (6th).

Excellent—Jacob Kilpatrick, Written Bible (4th); Caleb

Ross, Oral Poetry (4th); Savannah Warner, Oral Poetry (5th); Izzie Ramirez, Vocabulary (6th); and Izzie Ramirez, Ready Writing.

Good—Chloe Jordan, Spelling (4th); Garrett Kirkonnell, Geography (5th); Dezri Cristina, Written Math (6th); Mark Haaland, Science (6th); and Victoria Vilches, Ready

Writing.

Participant—Amy Atkins, Written Math (4th); Preston Campbell, Written Math (4th); Jacob Kilpatrick, Oral Bible (4th); Cody Mains, Written Math (5th); and Bailey Boyle, Science (6th).

A Message from Mrs. Young

Spring is in the air! The air is warmer and the sun is shining! Praise God for the renewal of the Earth and new beginning of spring! God's plan for us is to be transformed into his likeness and begin every day with a fresh start. Romans 12:2 states, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will."

Isn't it a wonderful message that we are part of God's perfect will? Isn't it a blessing to know that God renews us daily to begin fresh as we travel down life's path? I see evidence of this every day in my personal life and in the lives of the children at NTCA. It is wonderful to be a part of such a grand plan. Praise God for His goodness!

I want to pass along my gratitude to all of you who supported NTCA by attending the "Values and Virtues" dinner with our guest speaker, Rick Atchley. It was a wonderful night with Rick delivering a great message about raising our kids with character. The evening was a huge success, and our Foundational Fund is off to a great start with over \$45,000 donated or pledged. This fund is essential for NTCA to continue expanding excellence in our school. It is a great time to be part of NTCA!

Preschool Easter Egg Hunt

NTCA Preschool students enjoyed an Easter egg hunt on April 1. After a picnic lunch, the students raced outside to search the playground for Easter eggs. Then they compared their discoveries.



Cougar of the Month

Sara Mendoza was the Cougar of the Month for February. She is a fifth-grader in Mrs. Meriann Moses' class.

"Sara did a great job demonstrating a gracious attitude," Mrs. Moses said. "She is polite to everyone and loves to help out in the classroom. Sara sets an example for us all on how to treat others with graciousness."

Congratulations, Sara!



Sara Mendoza

February Students of the Week

Week of February 1

KR – Lucy Ranney and Evah-Luv Mendoza

K – Averil Carlson

1st – Emerson Waskom

2nd – Dylan Boyle

3rd – Grant Fletcher

4th – Dawson Boyle

5th/6th – Izzie Ramirez

2nd – Joshua Mendoza

3rd – Colton Leach

4th – Clay Chapman

5th/6th – Sara Mendoza

Week of February 15

KR – Mylen Chowning and Daniela Morales

K – Sierra Santiago

1st – Zachary Kearl

2nd – Trinity Cristina

3rd – Joe Young

4th – Preston Campbell

5th/6th – Dezri Cristina

Week of February 8

KR – Camdyn Lovelady and Sydney Allan

K – Landree Wilson

1st – Elisa Chacon

Classroom News

Second Grade

Second grade finished reading the chapter book *Flat Stanley* this month. They all drew themselves as flat people and then wrote a letter to someone they know who lives outside of Texas. The letters and their "flat people" were then mailed to places such as Puerto Rico, Utah, Florida, Missouri, Idaho, Brazil, Arizona, New Mexico, Kentucky, and Afghanistan.

The students asked the recipients to write back about their states or countries and send pictures from the visit of the "flat people." When a letter is received back, the class will mark the location on a map that will be displayed along with the letters during Open House.

"The kids loved writing their letters and creating their flat selves," Mrs. Cristina said. "We look forward to receiving our first letter."

The students were also on the receiving end of another student's "Flat Stanley." They took a picture with a "flat friend" that was sent by an Oklahoma student whose teacher is a high school classmate of Mrs. Joy Beach.

Third Grade

Third graders are writing letters to soldiers in Afghanistan and collecting toys and coloring books for orphans in Kabul.

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are creating "Who Am I?" PowerPoint projects on people from the Texas Revolution.

Fifth and Sixth Grades

Fifth and sixth graders are creating an American Revolution museum out of 3-D materials.

Health class poster contests highlight fitness, bike safety

Second, third and fourth grade Cougars are busy preparing for poster contests this month as part of their health classes with Mrs. Shelley Pederesen.

Second graders are designing posters on anything to do with fitness, while third and fourth graders' posters must highlight any of the bicy-

cle safety rules they are learning in class.

Students have been working on their rough drafts, with the final posters due by April 21.

All NTCA students will be casting a vote for their favorite posters. Look for all the posters to be on display in the library during Open House on April 29.

Save the Date:

April 29 — NTCA Open House

May 1 — Mother/Son Game Night

May 7— Elementary Talent Show

May 19—4's Graduation @ 1:00 pm

May 21—Kinder Graduation @ 1:00 pm

Students' designs submitted to Google contest

NTCA students put their wishes on paper in art class this spring in a contest to design the logo for Google's homepage.

With the contest theme "If I could do anything, I would..." students had the opportunity to illustrate their own explanation of what they would most like to do. NTCA was allowed to submit

six entries.

The entries selected to represent NTCA were created by Averi Carlson, Jackson Jones, Dylan Shaw, Dawson Boyle, Aubrey Krizek, and Mark Haaland. Their creations are shown below, along with the explanation of their drawing. "I am very excited about the entries," said Mrs. Donna Jones, media specialist.

In each state, two doodles will be selected in each grade group (K-12). Then Google will select the 40 top doodles as regional finalists, which will be displayed in a gallery on the Google.com website. The U.S. public will then vote for the doodles they believe best capture the theme.

The national winner will see

his/her doodle 'go live' on the Google homepage for 24 hours, as well as win a scholarship, a laptop computer, and a trip to the Google headquarters in New York. The winner's school will receive a \$25,000 technology grant towards the establishment/improvement of a computer lab.



Averi Carlson (Kindergarten), Animals Need Love Too: "If I could do anything, I would talk to everyone and tell them how important it is to love and take care of your pets."



Jackson Jones (First Grade), Reptiles: "If I could do anything, I would be a reptile worker."



Dylan Shaw (Second Grade), Help the World: "If I could do anything, I would help the world by recycling and supporting people in need."



Dawson Boyle (Fourth Grade), World Peace: "If I could do anything, I would save America and the world from wars so that our countries could be free from evil and that our world would be safe for life and peace."



Aubrey Krizek (Fifth Grade), Jungle Visit: "If I could do anything, I would go to a jungle and visit all the animals."



Mark Haaland (Sixth Grade), For the Good of Mankind: "If I could do anything, I would resurrect dinosaurs, tame them, and use them to save human lives by helping people who are fighting for the good of all mankind."

Summer camp (continued)

campers only.

All campers will be required to bring a sack lunch daily. Shorts and T-shirts (that you don't mind getting dirty) and closed-toe shoes are required. Outdoor activities will be part of the camping experience; therefore, sunscreen should be applied before arriving at camp each day.

Background checks will be con-

ducted for all camp counselors, and they will be first-aid trained. In addition, the camp coordinator will be trained in CPR.

Availability is first-come, first-serve and all sessions are subject to cancellation if minimum enrollment is not met. Please return the registration form on page 6 along with the registration fee by May 3.



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Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is still open,
with limited spaces available in all classes.
Please spread the word about NTCA to all your friends.

April Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at twinstead@northtexaschristian.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Anndria Wilson, Marie Hoke	2 No School
5 No School	6 Colleen Haaland	7 Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofo, Joe Hicks, Tina Tennison	8 Holly Milstead	9 Alison Mains, Ken Dunlap, Teresa Shaw, Rita Atkins
12 Jason Bartlett, Liesl Bowmnan	13 Colleen Haaland	14 Kelly Chacon, Chris Vilches, Colleen Haaland, Tina Tennison	15 Anndria Wilson, Marie Hoke, Holly Milstead	16 Alison Mains, Sharon Dunlap, Heather Rose
19 Jason Bartlett	20 Colleen Haaland	21 Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofo, Joe Hicks, Tina Tennison	22	23 Alison Mains, Ken Dunlap, Teresa Shaw, Rita Atkins
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(Return form and registration fees by May 3, 2010)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____